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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 621
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Roland Maddox on his exemplary service to LifeWay Christian Resources on the occasion of his retirement as Associate to the Vice-President of Finance and Business.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend outstanding citizens of our state who have made significant contributions to the spreading of God's Word; and

WHEREAS, Roland Maddox, who will retire as Associate to the Vice-President of Finance and Business at LifeWay Christian Resources on March 1, 2002, after ten productive years with the organization, is clearly one such person; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox was born on March 6, 1937 in Greenwood, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he is a distinguished 1955 graduate of Clarksdale High School in Clarksdale, Mississippi and received his BBA from the University of Mississippi in 1959; and

WHEREAS, from 1959 to 1962, Mr. Maddox served expertly as an Assistant to the President of Holiday Inn in Memphis; and

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WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1971, he held various positions with Wallace E. Johnson Enterprises, Inc., a real estate development and construction firm, and then served as President of this highly successful business from 1971 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected business leader, Mr. Maddox was the owner and President of Roland Maddox and Associates, Inc., a real estate and sales company from 1976 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, hearing a call from God and answering that call, he became the Director for the Group Support Division of the Church Growth Group of the Baptist Sunday School Board, later LifeWay Christian Resources, a position he held admirably from 1992 until 1998; and

WHEREAS, from 1998 to 2001, Mr. Maddox was the Associate Vice-President of LifeWay Church Resources and for the last year he has served as Associate to the Vice-President of Finance and Business Services for LifeWay; and

WHEREAS, his extraordinary leadership has been widely sought; he served as a Baptist Sunday School Board Trustee from 1983 to 1991, as Sunday School Board Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Executive Committee from 1988 to 1990, and as Mid-American Theological Seminary Trustee from 1975 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, his vast knowledge of business has been demonstrated by his service as a Commissioner of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division, as Director of Capital Advisors from 1987 to 1992, as Director and member of the Executive Committee of the Merit Corporation from 1975 to 1977, and as Director of Manor Care, Inc., from 1974 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of Judson Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox is the loving husband of Sarah Odle Maddox, father of Melanie Maddox and Thomas Alan Maddox, and grandfather of Riley Joseph Redd, Emily Elizabeth Redd, Chelsea Maddox, and Thomas Alan Maddox, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend Roland Maddox on his service, leadership and accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize Roland Maddox for his life of accomplishment and service to God and to humanity, and wish him every happiness and satisfaction in his approaching retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.